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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HÖTTEN et al.

Group Art Unit: 1647

Application No.: 09/386,450

Examiner: David Romeo

Filed: August 31, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100564-09022

For: NEW GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: September 20, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 20, 2002 from August 20, 2002 to September 20, 2002.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$55 to cover the fee for the discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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